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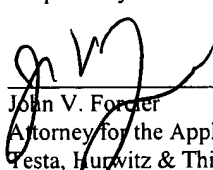
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**Amendment and Response**

This paper is respectfully submitted in response to an Office communication, Paper No. 17 entitled Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 23, 2003 and an Office action, Paper No. 15, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 23, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and passage of the claim to allowance.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, without prejudice:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment and Response.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this Amendment and Response.